

Arturo Chang

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor Department of Political Science University of Toronto	2021-
Gaius Charles Bolin Fellow Department of Political Science Williams College	2020-2021
Franke Graduate Fellow Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities Northwestern University	2019-2020

Education

Northwestern University (Evanston, IL) Ph.D. in Political Science	2021
M.A. in Political Science	2017
DePaul University (Chicago, IL) B.A. in Political Science	2015

Research

Books

[*A New World of Revolutions: Popular Imaginations and Movements Across the Americas*](#) (Princeton University Press 2026).

Articles

[“International Progress and Colonial Critique in E.H. Carr’s Reflexive Realism.”](#) *Constellations*. 2026.

[“Tradition and Disruption in Latinx and Latin American Political Thought.”](#) *American Political Science Review*. 2025; 119(2):932-946. With Inés Valdez and Raymond Rocco.

[“Factionalized Mobilization: Development Paradigm Shifts and Marginalization in Colombia.”](#) *Studies in Comparative International Development*. 2025. With Laura García Montoya and Isabel Güiza Gómez.

[“Negotiating Racial Subjection: Analyzing Black and Indigenous Resistance from within Colonial Orders.”](#) *International Theory*. 2025; 17(2): 151-174. With Owen R. Brown.

[“Rousseau and Tlaxcala: Republican Freedom and the Trans-imperial Politics of the New World.”](#) *Polity*. 2025; 57(3): 557-585. With David Lay Williams.

[Restoring Anáhuac: Indigenous Genealogies and Hemispheric Republicanism in Postcolonial Mexico.](#) *American Journal of Political Science*. 2023; 67(3): 718-731.

[“Languages of Transnational Revolution: The ‘Republicans of Nacogdoches’ and Ideological Code-Switching in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands.”](#) *Contemporary Political Theory*. 2022; 21(3): 373–96.

[“The Roots of Right-Wing Populism: Donald Trump in 2016.”](#) *International Journal of Political Economy*. 2020; 49(2): 102–23. With Thomas Ferguson, Benjamin I. Page, Jacob Rothschild, and Jie Chen.

Book Chapters and Edited Works

“Imperial Subjectivities: Indigenous Claims-Making as Intracolonial Agency” with Owen R. Brown in *Non-Western Agency and World Politics* (eds. Anahita Arian and John Hobson), forthcoming with Cambridge University Press.

“Transnational Indigenous Politics and American Political Thought as a Tradition of Encounter” in *Movements and American Political Thought* (eds. Alex Zamalin and Maxwell Burkey), forthcoming with SUNY University Press.

Special issue on “Rethinking Subjection: Alternate Imaginaries and Emancipatory Futures” in *Philosophy and Global Affairs*. 2025. Edited with Gabriel Salgado and Gauri Wagle.

Book Reviews

[“Remapping Sovereignty: Decolonization and Self-Determination in North American Indigenous Political Thought.](#) By David Myer Temin. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2023. Indigenous Peoples and Borders. Edited by Sheryl Lightfoot and Elsa Stamatopoulou. *Perspectives on Politics*, published online 2024: 1-2.

[“Solidarity and Place-Making in Supranational Politics: A review of Inés Valdez’s *Transnational Cosmopolitanism* and Paulina Ochoa Espejo’s *On Borders*,”](#) *Theory & Event*. 2023. 26(2): 393-400 (2023).

Public-Facing Scholarship

[“To Understand ‘America,’ Understand the Americas”](#) in *Zócalo Public Square* (2026).

[“The Bad Bunny Doctrine”](#) in the *History News Network* (2026).

[“Colombia’s ‘Progress’ Leaves Millions Behind”](#) in *Foreign Policy*, with Laura García Montoya (2021).

[“In Colombia’s mass protests, Indigenous and Black activists find echoes of colonial history”](#) in *Monkey Cage*, *The Washington Post*, with Catalina Rodriguez (2021).

[“Ambivalence About International Trade in Open- and Closed-ended Survey Responses”](#) in Institute for New Economic Thinking’s Working Paper Series, with Thomas Ferguson, Benjamin Page, and Jacob E. Rothschild (2021).

[“La Historia Del ‘Progreso’ Que Deja Atrás A Millones en Colombia: Algunas Lecciones de La Movilización Nacional”](#) in *La Silla Vacía* (Bogotá, Colombia) with Laura García Montoya (2021)

[“Anahuac & Rome: Converging Indigeneity and Religiosity in Mexico’s Republican Moment”](#) in *Age of Revolutions*, (2020).

[“The Economic and Social Roots of Populist Rebellion: Support for Donald Trump in 2016”](#) with Thomas Ferguson, Benjamin I. Page, Jacob Rothschild, and Jie Chen. Featured by the Institute for New Economic Thinking, (2018).

Working Projects

“The United States Declaration of Independence and the Hemispheric American Tradition.”

“Vernacularizing Decolonial Politics: Convergence and Critique from Puerto Rico to Colombia.”

“Sublime, Mortal, and Rare: Jean-Jacques Rousseau on Exceptional Authority and Republican Inequality.”

“Abolition as an Ontology of Global Politics” with Owen R. Brown.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Latin American Studies Association - 2026 Honorable Mention for Best Paper in Latinx Studies, for “Tradition and Disruption in Latinx and Latin American Political Thought.”

Black, Indigenous, and Racialized Scholars/Scholarship Grant, University of Toronto (2022)

SSHRC SIG Grant Funding for Archival Research (2022)

Consortium for Faculty Diversity, Postdoctoral Fellowship (2021; Declined)

Diversity and Inclusion Research Advancement Grant in Indigenous Studies (2020)
American Political Science Association (APSA)

Gaius Charles Bolin Dissertation Fellowship (2020)
Williams College

Franke Graduate Fellowship (2019)
Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University

Graduate Research Grant (2018)
Northwestern University

Doctoral Research Award (2018)
Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program, Northwestern University

Minar Memorial Summer Research Award (2015-2017)
Northwestern University

Mellon Foundation Fellowship in Interdisciplinary Studies (2015)
Northwestern University

Invited Talks and Presentations

“Vernacularizing Decolonial Politics,” for “Dependency and Coloniality: A Contemporary Assessment of Latin American Traditions” conference, Johns Hopkins University, (May 2026)

“Vernacularizing Decolonial Politics,” University of Massachusetts, Amherst (October 2025).

“Indigenous Sovereignty and the Construction of Postcolonial Citizenship in the Andes,” Royal Holloway London and the London Political Theory Network (April 2025).

“Indigenous Sovereignty and the Construction of Postcolonial Citizenship in the Andes” Political Theory Workshop, Johns Hopkins University (December 2024).

“Indigenous Sovereignty and the Construction of Postcolonial Citizenship in the Andes,” Political Theory Workshop, Boston University (October 2024).

“Rousseau and the ‘Republican’ Politics Behind Indigenous Tlaxcala,” Political Theory Workshop, the University of Florida (October 2022).

“Colonial Legacies and Structural Inequality in Contemporary Colombia,” Centro de Memoria Histórica, Bogotá, Colombia (July 2022).

“Negotiating Racial Subjection: Linking Black and Indigenous Resistance through an Order-Centered Framework.” Political Theory Research Workshop, University of Toronto (April 2022).

“Negotiating Racial Subjection: Linking Black and Indigenous Resistance through an Order-Centered Framework.” Latin American Research Group, University of Toronto (April 2022).

“Taxonomies of Citizenship: Mestizo Republicanism and Racial Subjection in Colonial New Granada.” Faculty Seminar Series, University of Toronto (March 2022).

Recent Conference Presentations

Co-Organizer, Mini-Conference on Latinx and Latin American Political Thought at the 2025 American Political Science Association Conference.

“Vernacularizing Decolonial Politics: Convergence and Critique from Puerto Rico to Colombia.”
2025 Association for Political Theory Conference

“Abolition and International Order” with Owen R. Brown.
2024 American Political Science Association Conference.

“Rousseau and Tlaxcala: Republican Freedom and Anti-Imperialism Beyond Europe” with David Lay Williams.
2022 Association for Political Theory Conference
2022 American Political Science Association Conference
2022 Canadian Political Science Association Conference

“Imperial Subjectivities: Indigenous Claims-Making as Intracolonial Agency”
2022 International Studies Association Conference
2022 European International Studies Association Conference

“Negotiating Racial Subjection: Linking Black and Indigenous Resistance through an Order-Centered Framework” with Owen Brown.
2021 Association for Political Theory Conference
2021 American Political Science Association Conference
2021 International Studies Association Conference

“Which Oppression?” Narratives of National Progress and Popular Organizing in 1970’s Colombia” with Laura García Montoya and Diana Isabel Güiza Gómez.

2021 Southwestern Mixed-Methods Research Conference

“Finding the Republicans of Nacogdoches: Anti-Colonial and Neocolonial Simultaneity in the Nascent United States”

2022 Latin American Studies Association Conference

2021 American Political Science Association Conference

2020 Association for Political Theory Conference

“Subverting Nature: Indigenous and Afro-Colombian Responses to Elite Republicanism in New Granada”

2020 American Political Science Association Conference

2021 Venice World Multidisciplinary Conference on Republics and Republicanism

“Restoring Anáhuac: Indigenous Genealogies and Hemispheric Republicanism in Post-Colonial Mexico”

2021 Latin American Studies Association Conference

2021 International Studies Association Conference

2019 American Political Science Association

Teaching

“Critical Approaches to American Political Thought” (Graduate Seminar) – University of Toronto

“Modern and Contemporary Political Theory” (Graduate Seminar) – University of Toronto

“Approaches to Political Theory” (Graduate Seminar) – University of Toronto

“Political Theory for the Present” – University of Toronto

“Politics and Social Justice” – University of Toronto

“Modernity and Resistance” – University of Toronto

“American Political Thought in Hemispheric Context” – Williams College

“Insurgency and Nation-Building” – Northwestern University

“American Political Thought in Hemispheric Context” – Art Institute of Chicago

Service

Field Service

Program Committee, 2026 Association for Political Theory (APT) Conference.

Co-Organizer, Workshop on Latinx and Latin American Political Thought, University of Pennsylvania, 2024.

Division Co-Chair, North American Politics Section, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2021.

Co-organizer - Mini-conference on “Comparative Political Theory: Pluralizing a Global Field of Inquiry,” 2021 American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference. Seattle, Washington.

Co-organizer - Mini-conference on “Indigenous Studies in Political Science: Reconsidering Nation, Representation, and Citizenship,” 2020 American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference. San Francisco, California.

University of Toronto

Diversity and Equity Committee, University of Toronto Mississauga.

Undergraduate Student Awards Committee, University of Toronto Mississauga.

Northwestern University

Director of Academic Support Services & Academic Enrichment, Northwestern Prison Education Program, 2019-2021.

Founder and Co-Chair, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Workshop.